a reference dot used when said binarizing means
binarizes the image signal and modifies the predetermined
threshold value so that an area of the reference dot in an image
of the dot code read by said code reading means approaches a
predetermined target value.

- 28. An information reproducing system according to claim 27, wherein said reference dot is an isolated dot.
- 29. An information reproducing system according to claim
  21, wherein said reference dot is an isolated dot.

## REMARKS

The modifications made herein to this written description are to correct a clear error, as explained in the Reissue Declaration filed concurrently herewith. No new matter is involved.

Entry of the Preliminary Amendment, allowance of the claims, and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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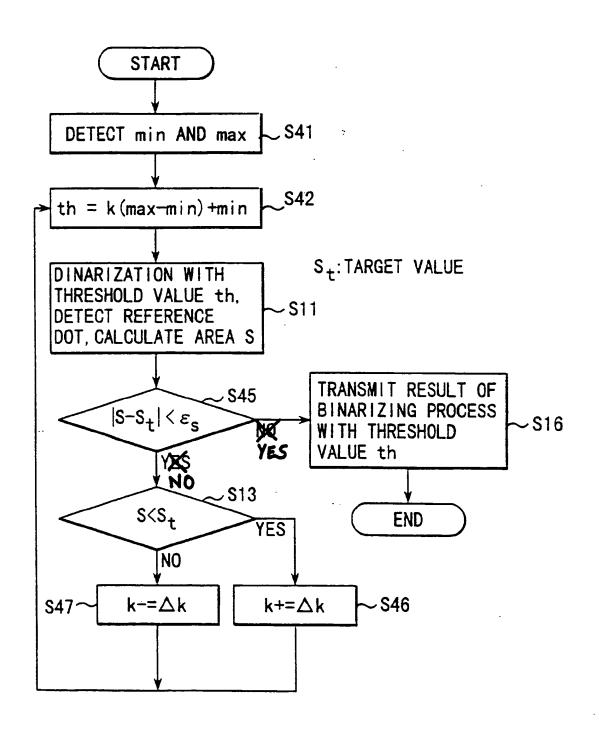


FIG. 29